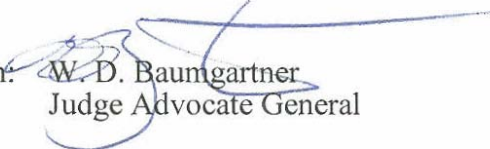




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1. This Trial Guide is provided for use in Coast Guard general and special courts-martial as an aid in conducting trial proceedings. The use of this Guide is not mandatory; however, either this Trial Guide or the trial guide in the Manual for Courts-Martial, or the trial guide in the Military Judges' Benchbook, DA PAM 27-9, should be used.
2. Trial participants should use the Trial Guide as an aid to meeting the procedural requirements of courts-martial. Participants must be prepared to modify or adapt the guides to meet the peculiar requirements of individual trials. Familiarity with the Trial Guide and the Manual for Courts-Martial, rather than inflexible recitation, will enhance the courtroom atmosphere and generally facilitate just court-martial proceedings.
3. This version of the Trial Guide is organized differently from the prior version. After completing the Initial Session through Arraignment, participants may select one of four guides depending on the forum selected and whether the charges are contested. These guides can be followed straight through the completion of sentencing. Finally, a single section covers post-trial and appellate rights for all cases.
4. Printed copies of the Trial Guide will not be distributed. Electronic copies are available through the internet at http://www.uscg.mil/legal/criminal_military_justice.htm.
5. The Chief Trial Judge and G-LMJ will review the Trial Guide annually. Provide any recommendations for changes to the Trial Guide to the Chief Trial Judge.

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